

Operation Sewing Machine

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Joy Cantrell teaches a cloth cutting technique.

Strategy Considered For Pornography Fight

Plans were put in motion for the support of anti-pornography legislation in Mississippi during the next session of the Legislature when a group of leaders from several denominations met last week at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The meeting was called by Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission. Eleven representatives from three denominations were present.

Hensley said he called the meeting to consider strategy for creating better awareness of pornography's progress in the state. He said he hopes that grass roots support will develop "for constructive legislation to cope with the problem in the state."

He added, "We are not interested in a bill that is religiously sponsored. It must come from the legislators themselves."

"No doubt some sort of legislation on pornography will be pre-filed. As soon as it is we will call another meeting at which representatives of various concerned groups can be present."

"The legislation could be interpreted and the strategy considered."

In addition to Hensley, those present at the first meeting were Roy Lawrence, editor of the *Methodist Advocate*; Don Wildmon, Tupelo, director of the National Federation for Decency; E. S. Furr, Tupelo, Methodist superintendent in North Mississippi; Elwin Synds, Jackson, acting director of Catholic Charities; Julius Thompson, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, and member of the

Christian Action Commission; Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods (Continued on page 3)

Double Robbery?

Las Vegas (RNS) — A Roman Catholic priest reported he was robbed here while playing the slot machines.

Father Charles LaPenta, 51, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was playing the slot machines at the El Cortez Hotel when someone stole a black handbag containing \$280 in cash.

Maneuvering May Delay Tuition Tax Credit Vote

By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP) — Voting on tuition tax credits in the U. S. Senate may be held off by a technical maneuver by opponents, according to U. S. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C.

The Senate Finance Committee approved a new tuition tax credit bill on Thursday, Aug. 3. Hollings said that action calls for a new report on the measure. Any report must be at the desk of the Senate clerk for three days before a vote can be taken.

Delaying the vote until the following Wednesday as the rule required, pushed tuition tax credits up against Senate action on gas deregulation, scheduled for that day. Hollings thinks it is unlikely that the Senate leadership would postpone the gas debate in favor of action on tuition tax credits.

Both the Senate Appropriations and Budget Committees refused earlier to approve a request for a waiver of certain provisions of the Budget Act of 1974 which would have cleared tuition tax credits for full Senate action.

Because the bill authorized new spending for years for which there is not yet a budget, it was necessary to get special approval of those portions of the bill. Both committees reported unfavorably on the request.

The new bill would reduce the maximum elementary and secondary credit to \$250 from \$500. It would eliminate graduate students and undergraduates enrolled at less than half-time. It also would reduce the credit by the amount of any other federal aid for education. The bill would make the credit available only for private school tuition.

The sponsors also included provisions to insure that a private school must comply with state laws regarding accreditation and satisfy the Internal Revenue Service that it does not discriminate before it would be eligible for tuition tax credits.

Hollings noted that the latter provision (Continued on page 3)

Clawson sisters find State Youths Responsive

Bill Womack, a Mississippian and Southern Baptist missionary to Barbados, said he once heard a pastor say, "Just keep your volunteers and send me the money it would cost them to come."

Womack says, "Send me the volunteers. The return on their investment in the trip is well worth waiting for." Mississippi sent the volunteers:

Operation Sewing Machine was a group of 16 Mississippi Baptist women who spent 10 days in Barbados, sewing clothing for children at a government hospital and teaching national women sewing skills to carry on after them.

Nearly twice that number responded to a "Help Wanted" notice in the Baptist Record, according to Marjean Patterson, director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

"One church picked up the tab for two volunteers, while local churches and WMUs, associational WMUs, and individual 'enablers' made it possible for others to go," said Miss Patterson. "The others paid their own way."

One woman paid for her trip from money saved for a Holy Land trip.

Another paid from "The Lord's Jar," a peanut butter jar in which she kept money made from sewing buttonholes and doing alterations, which she dedicated to missions.

Several of the 11 churches represented by the women held commissioning services. One said she felt she'd been ordained. Another was introduced to Vacation Bible School children as "a real live missionary."

Two home economics teachers, a retired extension home economist, an extension 4-H agent, a garment factory worker and women with home sewing and sewing for the public experience were among the volunteers. One had chalked up 1,900 hours sewing as a Pink Lady for her local hospital. Their ages ranged from 24 to 72.

The group stayed at the Barbados

Baptist College, still in the early stages of development as a center of theological education for the entire Caribbean. The college is located on the grounds of an old sugar plantation on the East coast, only thirty minutes from the capital city of Bridgetown, and a short walk from the Atlantic Ocean. The college stands on twenty acres of land on the 166 square-mile island. The women were housed dormitory-style, sleeping on foam mattresses on the floor, with meals served in the college dining room.

Womack believes that this mini-missions project will be a means of helping leaders and residents of Barbados know that Southern Baptists are interested in the total life of the island. He wants to make a real contribution to the residents, regardless of age or

spiritual condition. He is convinced that the project will open avenues for further ministries.

The first day on the job approximately 100 yards of fabric were used in garment construction. Four home economics professionals set up in the chapel for teaching a select group of seventeen young national women to sew, while others worked on drapery-type room dividers for a national church. They worked late into the evening each day, with time out for sightseeing, browsing and visiting the national churches.

On invitation eight women went during a three-day period to the Government Industrial School for Girls, Summerville, home for delinquents, to teach clothing construction. They (Continued on page 2)

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Cost Increases Approved By Sunday School Board

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Confronted with a 30.2 percent increase in costs over the last three years, the trustees of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a 7.6 percent increase in literature costs.

The trustees approved a number of recommendations during their two-day session at the Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, including an \$82 million budget for the operation of the Nashville-based Sunday School Board. This is a \$5 million increase over this year's operational budget.

James Clark, executive vice president at the board, said the literature cost hike was necessitated because of the same inflationary factors affecting everyone in the areas of production,

labor costs and particularly in the area of postage.

"An example is that the most recent postage increase will cost the Sunday School Board more than \$350,000 in additional funds each year. The Sunday School Board has always assumed the cost of postage for delivering literature to the churches and will continue to do so," said Clark.

He said the literature cost hike, effective on literature for use after April 1, 1979, will not have the same percentage impact on all churches. "The increase is less than the increase in the consumer price index and less than the jump in production costs."

The 82 trustees also approved a 9.3 percent hike in costs for participants at the conference centers at Glorieta

and at Ridgecrest in North Carolina, both owned and operated by the Sunday School Board.

Robert Turner, director of the conference center division, said the increase is less than the additional funds required to operate the centers during the coming year. "We will make up this difference," Turner said, "by adding 10,000 guest days at the facilities and through cost controls."

The trustees approved the deletion of "Collage," a National Student Ministries periodical, which never reached its anticipated market, from the list of Sunday School Board publications. The emphasis of "Collage" will be shifted to "The Student," another National Student Ministries publication.

They also approved a number of new Sunday School products to be produced by the Sunday School Board including:

—A Spanish translation of the "Adult Teacher" from the Convention Uniform Series, "El Interpretar" (Continued on page 2)

Unlovable Child Turns A Stomach, Then A Heart

Cynthia Hammack has been a student summer missionary to Montana sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department. A student at Mississippi College from Natchez, Miss Hammack made this report of a friend she made during a Vacation Bible School in Montana where she taught 4-5 year old class.

"There were several children in my class but one stood out among the rest. He was the dirtiest, nastiest child there. To add to his appearance he had heart trouble which made his lips and ends of fingers blue and his whole body had a bluish tint.

When I first saw him it turned my stomach. He played by himself most of

the time because he was too weak to play with the other children. There was never an expression of any emotion on his face.

"It was obvious that his homelife not only lacked adequate food, clothing, and shelter, but also love. The only way he would experience God's love would be to see it through my life. I wanted to reach out to him, to touch him and take him in my arms and love him but the sight of him made me turn away."

"I learned then to depend on God rather than myself for enough love to look through his broken body to his heart and soul. With strength from God I took him in my arms. At first he was startled but after I held him for awhile he looked at me and smiled. His teeth were very decayed and his mouth very dirty but all of a sudden I didn't care anymore."

"I smiled back at him and it opened up a new world for both of us. By the end of the week the little boy was living in a world that was filled with the love of God, and I was living in a world that looked beyond a body but through to the human soul searching for Jesus Christ."

Quoted

Stealing Food: Americans who overeat are actually consuming food that "belongs to someone else," says a Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh. James McKinley who has worked in Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, for 20 years, also says those who drive big cars that get poor mileage are competing with the poorest farmer for fuel to light his lamp. As Americans consume, the price goes up and is soon out of reach for the poor farmer. Southern Baptist response to hunger needs is "crisis oriented" according to McKinley. He refused to make plans on how to spend hunger relief gifts when they were coming in during the mid-1970s because "as soon as the crisis wore off, Southern Baptist giving would fall," he said. "And that is exactly what happened. We do not have a long term commitment to solving this problem."

RA And Acteen Camps Meet



Sitting in the shade talking is a welcome time during a busy Acteens camp week. Left to right are Darlene McLendon of Enterprise Baptist Church, Teresa Regel of Fairhaven church at Holly Branch, and Darlene Roberts also of Fairhaven.

Prayer Requested For Choosing Of Next Pope

By C. Brownlow Hastings
ATLANTA (BP) — "Would you pray with us for Pope Paul at this critical time," Frank Ruff, a Roman Catholic Glenmary home missionary, asked.

It was 1971 and he was appealing to a small group of Baptist pastors at a prayer retreat. I was shocked to recall that I had never prayed for any religious leader except Baptists, much less a Pope in Rome.

Catholics. But the need to pray for the cardinals in their conclave to select the next Pope is more critical than ever. The future of spiritual renewal and the peace of internal reform is at stake. Baptists and other evangelicals who pray for a "great awakening" in the centuries-old Catholic Church will want to make this decision a matter of daily prayer.

Though a Pope is not considered to

Pope Paul VI, the spiritual leader of 700-million Catholics around the world, died Sunday, Aug. 6, following a heart attack. Roman Catholic cardinals will meet in 15 to 18 days to seek a successor to the 80-year old pontiff who for 15 years led Roman Catholics through conflict and change. C. Brownlow Hastings, assistant director of the department of interfaith witness at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, reflects on what the death of Pope Paul VI and election of a successor means to Southern Baptists. Hastings, who has a special assignment in Baptist-Catholic-Orthodox relations, covered the Synod of Bishops meetings in 1971, 1974, and 1977 as a special correspondent for Baptist Press.

Frank was greatly concerned about the forthcoming Synod of Bishops and their debate over the priestly ministry. We could not deny his insistence in a decision that would affect him and thousands of other priests around the world.

Pope Paul VI, who died Aug. 6, is no longer the spiritual leader and final authority of 700-million Roman

have the sweeping power Popes of the Middle Ages exercised, he still sets the tone and finally points the direction of the largest community of Christians in the world. Though the First Vatican Council gave him the power of speaking infallibly on a dogma for the whole church, only Pius XII in 1950 has exercised the power, speaking on the (Continued on page 2)

Clawson Sisters Find State Youths Responsive

By Don McGregor

The Clawson sisters as an act would draw applause from any audience. They received a standing ovation following a performance last week in Jackson.

Cynthia Clawson and her sister, Patti, appeared on the Mississippi Baptist Youth Night program. They are daughters of a Texas Baptist preacher and grew up in San Antonio, where their father was pastor of Hot Wells Baptist Church.

Patti has recently moved back to San Antonio and, will marry Scott Berry of that city. Cynthia is in the process of moving from Nashville to Houston.

Tom Clawson, the father, is now in evangelism and living in Conroe, a city just north of Houston.

The two young women were in Jackson on a concert tour that will take them to the northwest into Oregon and Washington. "We've been almost all over the United States, but we've never been there," Patti declared.

To Shreveport
From Jackson they were to go to Shreveport for a concert.

Though Cynthia still uses her maiden name for concerts, she is Mrs. Ragan Courtney. Her husband is an actor, a humorist, a playwright, and a poet. Cynthia and Ragan collaborated on a Christian musical called "Bright New Wings." He wrote the lyrics, and she wrote the music.

In Houston Ragan will work with

Jeanette Clift George and her After Dinner Players, a Christian drama company. Mrs. George played the part (Continued on page 3)



Youth Night Audience

Cynthia Clawson performs during Mississippi Baptist Youth night.

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dogma of the bodily assumption of Mary into Heaven.

Paul VI will long be remembered for his courageous and progressive beginning in 1963. He determined to continue the Second Vatican Council, begun by Pope John XXIII, through three more sessions. Those produced the remarkable documents on religious liberty and on ecumenism, which opened up the church to recognize the validity of other Christian churches and "ecclesial communities" for the first time officially.

In the first years after the council, Pope Paul travelled widely, seeking to serve as an influence for peace and justice. He gave wide encouragement to several movements for spiritual renewal. Then, in 1968, with the encyclical on birth control, he turned strongly conservative in an effort to put the brakes on what some were calling "the runaway church."

He could have invoked his power of infallibility at that time, but he chose not to. Some moral theologians doubt that any Pope would do so over a moral issue where he would over doctrinal ones. As a result also of the new sense of responsibility for personal decisions by Catholic individuals, there was a wave of protest by theologians.

Not so well known, but more notable to Baptists, were several things Pope Paul encouraged to promote spiritual renewal. He encouraged his Commission on Christian Unity to involve more than 100 Biblical scholars worldwide in cooperating with the United Bible Societies in producing common language New Testaments. Approval also was given for Catholics to read such Protestant versions as "Today's English Version," "The Revised Standard Version," and "The Living Bible."

In 1974, he called the Synod of Bishops to a month long study of evangelization in the modern world. He saw the need to evangelize both those within the Catholic Church who

do not have a deep commitment to the Gospel and to proclaim the gospel to those who had never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

He linked evangelism with the cause of social justice in his 1975 exhortation, "the Gospel must be proclaimed."

Cautious at first, Pope Paul eventually gave endorsement to the charismatic renewal movement now deeply affecting the life of the church in many countries. Cardinal Suenens of Belgium, a far-out possibility as a candidate to be the next Pope, and a good friend in early days, had a large part in convincing Pope Paul that charismatics were making a profound contribution to the lives of millions of Catholics. It is conservatively estimated that 3.5-million Catholics are involved in the charismatic movement worldwide.

Operation Sewing Machine Returns

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helped the 15 young women there to make themselves a dress.

In addition to the sewing projects, the women processed about 300 books for the college library. One woman spent a day in the kitchen garden gathering vegetables and weeding. A former beautician set up a barber shop for missionaries and students, while a bookkeeper assisted President Womack in the College office.

A number of the women carried the missionaries gifts of money from organizations and friends in the states. One said two of her black friends pressed dollar bills into her hand as they wished her farewell. Four walkers for retarded children at St. Philips Hospital were purchased with some of the gifts, as was a mirror for the college. The group also gave 18 pair of sheets and two dozen towels to the College.

The group reported Bill and Elba Womack gave themselves unreservedly in making them welcome and comfortable. They present a wholesome, convincing image of S. B. missionary life. (They desperately need another van or two if they are to handle volunteer groups, however. As one of the women said, "Our missionaries are motivated, let's make them mobile.")

Martha Nelson, project coordinator,



At This Site

Hickman Johnson and Dick Brogan pose on the three acre-proposed site of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Jackson. Johnson, pastor of Farish Street Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, is trustee chairman of MBS. Brogan is president of the seminary. The Lynch Street property will have administrative offices, library, classroom space, and a chapel. A drive is expected to begin in the fall to raise \$350,000 to house the seminary.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Athens (RNS) — A three-year-old discovery of ancient manuscripts, including nine missing pages of the Codex Sinaiticus, a fourth-century Greek Bible, has recently come to light. The discovery was made on May 26, 1975, in the Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Chaterine on Mount Sinai in the Israeli-occupied Sinai Peninsula by a Greek Orthodox monk named Father Sofronius. In addition to the nine missing pages of the Codex Sinaiticus, the collection includes fragments of old texts of Homer's "Iliad," a psalm book of King David, and separate, very early texts of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Monrovia, Calif. (RNS) — About 145,000 children are now enrolled in the sponsorship program of World Vision International and the figure is expected to rise to 169,000 by Sept. 30. Sponsors provide \$15 per month and agree to participate in the program for at least a year. The fees are placed in a fund which is used to provide health, medical, educational and other needs in projects receiving World Vision aid.

Increases Approved

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Maestro. First issue will be October-December 1979.

"Beginning," a quarterly magazine to involve parents in the church's teaching ministry and to offer guidance in teaching babies at home. First issue will be October, 1980.

"Sunday School Resource Kit for Teaching the Mentally Retarded" to supply resources and games for teaching educable retarded persons of all ages. First issue is scheduled October-December, 1979.

Bible Book Study Teacher Resource Kits, first issues in October, 1979.

Carey Begins Bible Course On Television



Jerry Oswalt, above, gets his mike adjusted as he begins a new fall series of Bible studies on television on "The Life of Christ."

Available for credit or non-credit at William Carey College the three-hour weekly course may be registered for by writing or phoning the department of religion at the college.

Classes will begin on Mon., Aug. 28, on WDAM at 6 a.m.; continuing on Wednesdays and Fridays as well. The course also will be taught on Cablevision 6, cable 29, in Hattiesburg at 8 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings beginning Aug. 29.

Oswalt has been on the religion faculty of William Carey College for seven years.

Hawaii Trip Planned

Volunteers for mini-mission to Hawaii Sept. 30 - Oct. 6, 1978. Women with WMU experience (Baptist Women, Acteens, Girls in Action or Mission Friends) needed to assist in training and encouraging Hawaiian Baptist women. The group will also be involved in institutional ministries and a luau-dialogue session with working women, emphasizing personal evangelism. Like other Volunteers in Missions, participants will be responsible for own expenses. Laura Fry, Home Mission Board national evangelism consultant with women, and Martha Nelson, Pelahatchie author and pastor's wife, are coordinating the mission. For details, call Mrs. Nelson at 854-8288 no later than August 20.



Nationals enter a Barbados church.

New York (RNS) — To help gather support from religious organizations for its boycott of products of J. P. Stevens & Company, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union has employed two clergymen and a nun on its staff. They are the Rev. William Somplatsky-Jarman, a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Sister Jeannine Maynard, C.P., and Father Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C. The giant textile company has jousted with ACTWU for 15 years as the union has tried to organize its 85 plants. Most of them are in the South, where the union most wants to get a labor toe-hold.

These Keep Gulfshore Going

By Tim Nicholas

What looks like a resort hotel, but is not?

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. It's not a hotel, but a Baptist retreat facility on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Who does the bed making, lawn mowing, food serving, guest registering and all the other motley jobs that help keep this non-hotel operating smoothly?

The summer staff. This is a group of Christian college students who serve Gulfshore and the Baptists who visit it. They work for the permanent Gulfshore staff and are assigned the jobs that put them in contact with the people who come for conferences.

"Our purpose is to allow them (guests) to use the facility to learn more about the Lord and grow with other Christians," said Joy Fagan, a summer staffer from Laurel.

Bill Drees from Columbus, the summer recreation director for Gulfshore said he'd seen a lot of people open up and grow while at Gulfshore. We said the guest faculty brought in for various conferences helped in that growth.

While off duty, the summer staffers were encouraged by Frank Simmons, Gulfshore manager, to attend conferences. Allen Foxworth from Marrero, La., said that Simmons recommend he attend a recreation workshop during a conference. "He also helped me arrange my work schedule to go to an advanced guitar class," he said.

Linda Andrews of Churchville, Md., played guitar before a group for the first time. She played at First Baptist Church of Long Beach. Others performed during talent shows for people attending conferences. Some sang, played piano and Carol Ward of Pascagoula recited a poem she had written about the Holy Spirit.

She said after she read her poem a

girl ran up to her at the control room saying she'd been looking all over for her. She asked for a copy of the poem. "Before your poem, I didn't know where I was," said the girl to Carol, "it means something to me."

The staffers said they believe they need to be a Christian group, especially with "this many kids working so close together," said one.

"Eighteen girls couldn't live in one room," said another.

They believe that they've learned something. Kerry Lance from

Christian and one remaining said she'd been praying for her for three years. "Now one of my prayers has been answered," she told Donna.

The staffers gave their summer houseparents Lee and Kay Castle high marks. Momma and Poppa C, they said, had good senses of humor and were easy to talk to. They had regular Bible studies led by Lee a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Additionally, guest faculty during sessions were brought to the staffers



Ken Chafin talks with Gulfshore summer staff.

Senatobia said they'd learned more about the power of prayer. "Really, you don't think about asking other people to pray for you. When we get together, it's no big deal to ask."

Donna Etheridge of Starkville reported seeing the power of prayer. One of the youth week sessions had a worship service by the beach and Donna noticed a girl got up and walked away from several others who sat crying. Donna asked what had happened. The girl who had left had just become a

for conversations. Ken Chafin was one of the guests who talked with the group. Along with a discussion of choosing marriage partners, Chafin told the group that "in the matter of seeking God's will, God is more interested in your character than your occupation."

It is doubtful that any of the summer staffers will choose a lawn mowing or cafeteria line serving as a result of their summer at Gulfshore, but it is likely their character grew quite a bit.



Martin Chaney of Bovina, an RA camp counselor explains gun safety during target practice with pellet guns at the Royal Ambassador camp at Dorrah Lake camp at Bellfontaine.



Lisa Yarborough, an Acteens Camp counselor, and Mississippi College student from Tylertown, explains how to finish a plaque to Vera Woodward, 13, of Calvary Baptist Church in Cleveland.



Carolyn Brooks, a Christian Social Ministries missionary from Pensacola, Fla., was one of the missionary personalities at Garaywa during Acteens Camp. Here she talks with some of the girls between crafts sessions.



Boys take a nice long dip in the pool at Dorrah Lake Camp, at Bellfontaine.

Upcoming At Gulfshore

Following are upcoming Mississippi Baptist Convention program-related events at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, plus a listing of groups holding reservations for other times. Unfilled dates at Gulfshore are available for church groups.

Senior Adult Retreat: August 14-18, Church Training;

Church Staff Development Conference: August 21-23, Church Administration;

Music-Leadership-Adult: August 24-26, Church Music;

Young Adult Bible Conference: Sept. 1-3, Sunday School.

Madison, Wis. (RNS) — Because its legislature opens each session with prayer, the State of Wisconsin faces a law suit which charges that the prayer constitutes a violation of the first Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. The suit was filed in U. S. Federal District Court here by the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

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of Corrie Ten Boom in the movie, "The Hiding Place."

Cynthia will soon take a leave of absence from her concert tours because she is expecting a baby in the spring.

Patti said Courtney baby and the Berry-Clawson marriage would decrease the number of concerts such as the sisters performed in Jackson. "But we'll get together every month or so," she added.

Ragan Courtney, who is from Louisiana, "almost on the Mississippi state line," hopes his traveling will diminish also when he gets to Houston, though there will be some travel. He will be working in the theater, and Cynthia says that is good. She has had theatrical aspirations for some time.

New Musical

The two have collaborated on another musical, this one for young voices, called "Angels." It has to do with angels that have appeared on earth. Again, Ragan wrote the lyrics, and Cynthia wrote the music. He is the author of a book of poetry titled "Death Has Set My Mind on Fire." Cynthia's latest record album is called "The Way I Feel." A book of the music goes with the record. It was released by the Triangle company, which is Buryl Red's firm. Red is a Southern Baptist with offices in New York and Nashville. He does a great deal of work with the Radio and Television Commission and was director of the Commission's Centurymen choir during its existence.

Cynthia has another album in the works and says her records have opened many doors for her.

She and her sister have talents and abilities that would be recognized and appreciated in what ever medium they chose to perform. They have chosen the Christian message as their vehicle for performance and did indeed find a receptive audience last week in more than 9,000 Mississippi Baptist young people.

Zadeen Walton Retires After 28 Years With The Foundation

Zadeen Walton, bookkeeper for Mississippi Baptist Foundation, retired on July 31, at the close of a 28-year period of service.



Walton

In semiannual meeting on July 20, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation took note of Miss Walton's pending retirement. The trustees passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the almost 28 years of efficient service Miss Walton has rendered. The resolution called attention to her keen sense of loyalty and dedication to the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation: "She has been a faithful steward of the trust placed in her as secretary-bookkeeper, and in recent years, as bookkeeper of the Foundation."

"During her tenure of service, the

funds of the Foundation have grown from \$636,061.63 in 1950 to an unaudited figure of \$5,658,827.44 as of June 30, 1978."

Miss Walton was born in Walnut Grove, Mississippi, where she received her public school education. She graduated with distinction from Mississippi College, and attended the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky.

She served as secretary at the Baptist Book Store and at Clarke College before joining the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

N. C. Church Ordains Missionary Couple

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Darrell and Camille Adams, a married couple recently appointed as missionaries to Portugal by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, were

ordained by the Wake Forest (N.C.) Baptist Church, July 23. The Adamses will leave Dec. 29 for Portugal, where he will serve in theological education and she in home and church work. She does not plan to assume a role as pastor of a church.

Willard Brown, pastor of the Wake Forest Church, which has had women deacons since 1924 but has never ordained a woman to the ministry, said Mrs. Adams "is one of the few and maybe among the first" to serve as an ordained woman missionary.

But Louis Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel at the Foreign Mission Board, said no information is available on the number of ordained women serving as missionaries. Although no accurate Southern Baptist Convention-wide figures exist, about 30 Southern Baptist churches, out of 35,255, are believed to have ordained women, a practice not common among Southern Baptist churches.

Cobbs said the Foreign Mission Board does not recommend ordination for either men or women. "That's a church function and church decision," he said, noting that the U. S. government, for tax purposes, recognizes missionary appointment as parallel to ordination.

Brown described the ordination of the couple as "an action by a local, autonomous congregation" and said that it was not requested or encouraged by the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Adams, a native of Highland Park, Mich., said she sees herself as "a Baptist minister in the broad sense of the word—not as a pastor of a local congregation." She said, "I don't equate ordination with just being a pastor. I have been a minister as a Girls in Action (GA) leader, Sunday School teacher and counselor in my church. I will continue to perform ministry on the mission field."



Sunday School Weeks

Bernie Spooner, professor of religious education at New Orleans Seminary, leads a session for general officers during Sunday School Week at Gulfshore. In a general session, Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, told participants, "we've got a whole generation of ministers who don't know we've got a Sunday School."



David Laird tells of his experiences in youth work while Mrs. Kathleen Prude of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, looks on. During a general session at a Sunday School Leadership Conference, Paul Brooks, pastor of Vicksburg's Woodlawn Baptist Church told of immense success in building a Sunday School. He said the church's biggest project now is paving a parking lot. "People will put up with a crowded classroom, but they won't put up with no parking," said Brooks. He said members assisted to help with parking report several cars drive away when they encounter difficulty in parking.

Church Extension Workers To Be Given Special Training

The Cooperative Missions Department will sponsor an "Associational Church Extension Worker Training Conference," August 21-22, 1978, at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Building in Jackson.

The program personnel are as follows: Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department;

Ray Grissett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department; Nelson Tilton, consultant, Home Mission Board, Church Extension Department and David Benham, consultant, Home Mission Board, Church Extension Department.

The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. on August 21 and adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

It will resume on August 22 at 8:30 and dismiss at 4:00 p.m. The group that has been invited to this conference was invited personally by Ray Grissett.

This conference is part of the Bold Mission Thrust and these men will be trained to help give assistance to church leaders in Mississippi in regard to Church Extension.

Strategy —

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Baptist Church, Jackson, and commission member; Jackie Hamilton, pastor of Highland Church, Meridian, and commission member; George Lee, director of associational missions in Lawrence, Marion, and Waltham associations and commission member; Paul Harrell, director of the Brotherhood Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Don McGregor, editor of the Baptist Record.

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Only you can determine the amount of electricity you use. Electric power is a valuable resource, so conserve it whenever possible. A few tips:

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The Missions Task Laying Up Treasure

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

In Matthew 6:20, Jesus says to "... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." We are properly concerned that we have emergency funds in the bank, that we provide for retirement, etc. Jesus is instructing us in another form of protection every Christian should be seriously concerned about—treasures in heaven.

Since one cannot mail these funds or take them personally for deposit, how does one get funds into the heavenly treasury? A Christian lays up treasure in heaven when he gives his money to God through the church.

He gets his treasure to heaven by investing it in that which is going to heaven—souls won to Christ—work done in Christ's name—lives enriched through church ministries and missions.

Jesus observed: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

When a Christian gives his gifts to the church, he is preserving them for all eternity where neither moth nor rust can corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Gifts given for the service of God turn the heart of the giver toward God.

If only all Christians could understand that church giving is the only certain way of turning temporal treasure into eternal treasure, church giving would take on a new glow!

It is unbecoming for children of the King to be anxious about all the things the ungodly seek. Instead of trying to serve both God and mammon (money), God's children can seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; knowing that all these necessities of life shall be added unto them.

Our gifts given to God are preserved for us forever in imperishable form to be enjoyed by us throughout all eternity.

If we love and provide for our children, as limited as our provisions are, how much more able is God to give good gifts to his children.

The basic problem with too many of God's children is that they don't really trust God to keep his word and provide for them. For some foolish reason, they feel that they can better provide for themselves than God can provide for them.

Regardless of how long one preaches, how loud one sings, or how sincerely one prays, none of these actions proves his or her love for God. The acid test of love is what one does when the offering plate passes on Sunday.

Tyler, Tex. (RNS) — Garner Ted Armstrong, who was excommunicated from the Worldwide Church of God by his father, Herbert W. Armstrong, in June, announced here that he is forming a new denomination called the Church of God, International.

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Editorials

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night . . .

10,000 Young Baptists Inspired, Inspiring

The appreciation of every Mississippi Baptist is due Larry Salter, consultant in the Sunday School Department, and his committee for another splendid Youth Night experience last week.

Youth Night annually is the largest gathering of Mississippi Baptists. It is several times larger than attendance at the state convention, though of course there are a number of reasons for this.

The smallest attendance since the writer has been on the scene was during the Christmas holidays of 1975 when a crowd in excess of 6,000 was present. It was moved to the summer of 1976, and more than 10,000 were on hand. This year's attendance was not much short of that figure.

An Inspiration

Perhaps it is fitting that young people should provide the bulk of the attendance for our largest gathering. To see 10,000 young Baptists sitting in a congregation to hear religious music, testimonies of faith, and a message from the Word of God is truly an inspiration. One is made to feel that the future of the cause of Christ will be in good hands as these young people come into places of responsibility.

Surely it is fitting that those young people, as they have gathered in such a crowd, would have a first-rate program to entertain and inspire them. They had it this year.

The opening piano concert by Manley Blackwell, a member of First Church, Meridian, provided almost

unbelievable keyboard virtuosity on the part of the 15-year-old artist. The boy is amazing. He came to the attention of Youth Night officials when he was the winner in a talent show during one of the youth weeks this summer at Gulfshore.

Then there was contemporary Christian music by "Bridge," a 13-member group of vocalists and instrumentalists from Nashville. This is one of the finest of such groups heard in sometime. They are a very able and well-rehearsed group, and their arrangements are enjoyable. Their eight instrumentalists use trombone, two trumpets, saxophone, two guitars, electric piano, and drums. The saxophone player, the only girl of the instrumentalists, doubles on the flute. There are three girl singers and two boys.

Commanding Presentation

Grant Teaff, the head football coach at Baylor University, always has a commanding presentation as he is called upon to speak all across the nation. He told the young people that they could have the kind of attitude they want by making up their minds to it. He declared that the power to believe in God and to command our lives in accordance with our beliefs is a God-given ability.

Cynthia Clawson and her sister, Patti, added a dimension to the program that was unexpected. Cynthia continues to amaze her audiences with her ability and talent. Her perfor-

mances are almost as much an experience for the audience as they are for her. Patti came along ostensibly as the accompanist, but she turned out to be quite a singer in her own right. At one point the two young ladies switched roles.

Perhaps I am a little biased as far as Cynthia is concerned. I've known her since she was a student at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and have watched her career since with a great deal of interest. It has always been conducted in a religious vein. When I was editor of the *California Southern Baptist* she and her husband, Ragan Courtney, came to Fresno to appear at a youth rally in the Christian musical, "Celebrate Life" and I was at Ridgecrest when they premiered their new musical, "Bright New Wings" during Home Mission week.

All of which explains a great deal of my particular interest in this year's Youth Night, "Bright New Wings" is set in the land of my nativity, Waco, Texas; and Grant Teaff is head coach at my alma mater.

Youth Night, however, was a success regardless of any interest I had in it; and a great deal of the success can be attributed to the excellent message of Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Jackson's church is the largest in Arizona, and the auditorium at North Phoenix may be the largest of all Southern Baptist churches. So he is accustomed to speaking to large

crowds of all ages. On this night, however, he was speaking to young people, and he made his message interesting and applicable.

Lives By Risks

Jackson said man lives by risks, which can also be called faith. He added that if man doesn't risk he doesn't live. "Security is sounding the death knell for the adventuresomeness that has made America great," he added. He said, "You can bet your life on the Bible as God's Word."

"Read the Word," he added, "and let the Word speak to you." He concluded with "I offer you the greatest life here and throughout eternity if you've got the guts (faith) for it."

Youth Night is the largest of all Mississippi Baptist gatherings largely because the young people are interested and want to attend. A great deal of the credit, however, goes to those youth workers in the churches who help spark that interest and provide the transportation to the meeting. And again, an expression of appreciation is due the committee that puts it all together.

Youth Night was a fine gathering this year, as it has been throughout the years past. It is a fine Mississippi Baptist tradition. May it continue to be as commendable through the years to come.

Thank the Lord that Mississippi is still a place where 10,000 Baptist youths can gather in the name of Christ, and thank the Lord for those who make it happen. — DTM



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A Birthday Party

I went to a party Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5, at 441 Cambridge Lane. It was given for my genial friend, Dr. William Penn Davis, by his wife, Virgie, to celebrate his 75th birthday. The two of them bought a new house in Heritage Hills in south Jackson a couple of years ago.

Dr. Davis' son, Bill Davis, a medical doctor who has a practice in Atlanta, was opening the door for guests. His daughters, Norma Brewer and Paula Priscock, were serving punch and cake.

I met the oldest of his five grandchildren, and thought the two youngest might be there — Norma's boy and Paula's girl, both born this year. But they were not — at least not while I was there.

Dr. Davis said that August commemorates another anniversary for him, too. Sixty-two years ago this month, he preached his first sermon at age 13, at Zion Hill Church, in his native Union County. He was licensed to preach the next year and ordained when he was 16.

Once he told me that when he was a little boy he was playing at being a preacher and baptized his sister in the mud in the hog pen.

Supposedly, he retired in 1971. But he only retired from being director of what was then called the Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and from being president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and took on a whole long list of other jobs.

Certainly he must stay busy, for he is Mississippi representative for the World Home Bible League; executive director of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference; and teacher of a class at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Besides that, he preaches in revivals and does supply preaching.

At First Church, Jackson, where he is a member, he teaches the Bible Survey Class. This class gave him a metal

cup for his birthday, engraved with the words, "For storing pencil and pen, to share your thoughts with fishers of men."

Every Wednesday morning he gives an object talk for the children at the Day Care Center at Woodville Heights Church in Jackson. During the state day care conference at Ridgeland Church, he was a featured speaker.

Always he has liked to write; his current project is a collection of his talks to children; he hopes to finish that manuscript within the next year.

The other day he came into my office with a brown paper bag, and said, "Guess what I have in here." It was a brass piggy bank that he plans to use to give an object lesson on stewardship. He says he always hides his objects in a brown bag so the children won't see what he has before he's ready to reveal his surprise.

He did the same thing for grown-ups when he preached at Dry Creek Church, Rankin County, on Homecoming Day last year. To illustrate every sermon point, he had a different object, and kept pulling these out of a brown bag at intervals all the time he was preaching. They liked it so well they asked him to come back and preach again this year on Homecoming Day, Oct. 8.

Before he came to work at the Baptist Building in 1957 he was a pastor. Previously he had been assistant executive secretary for Maryland Baptists four years, and two years associate executive secretary for Mississippi Baptists. He had taught French at Mississippi College and had been high school principal at Brownsville. In World War II he was a chaplain. He served in the South Pacific and was released with the rank of major. Undoubtedly he believes in the old saying that variety is the spice of life.

Congratulations, Dr. Davis and many more birthdays!

Guest Opinion

The World-Wide Ministry Of A Mississippi Church

By Guy Henderson

Here is a church that helps to operate a seminary in Japan, a social center in New Orleans, a hospital in Rhodesia, and a demonstration farm in the Philippines. In fact, the Mississippi church has worked in 91 countries and ministries all across the United States. Let's take a look at this ministry and see how it is done.

The First Baptist Church, Grenada, Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor, has just closed the most successful financial year in the history of the church. (They operate on fiscal year beginning July 1). The record budget of \$299,780 was exceeded by \$8,244.96. Gifts to all world mission causes for the year reached \$87,963.47. This amount was actually \$2,100 above the goal and is due to the church sharing with world

missions on a percentage basis of all undesignated receipts. This percentage is now 33% and about 85% of this is for the Cooperative Program.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was followed in planning and promoting the budget for this year. The real plan, however, is being committed to God in a tangible way. The pastor and people have a vision of the world missions opportunity and give a day-by-day evidence of it.

The Missions Challenge Committee of Southern Baptists recently declared that "the mammoth problem in today's distraught world requires more cooperation, not less. Suppose, for example, a single church had to educate the missionary, support the missionary, provide the missionary materials with which to work, and to take care of the missionary in retirement.

Add to this cost, travel, medical care, and modern electronic communication cost. All of this expense would require more money than most churches could provide. But working together, all of the churches can provide all of these things for all our missionaries."

THE BOLD MISSION THRUST means more to the Grenada church than just giving. This year the church sent a group of laymen to the Barbados Islands on a preaching mission. Pastor Taylor participated in a "Good News" Revival Crusade in mission points in the Northwest. This summer 30 of the young people were sent to a county in Indiana which has a population of 40,000 and no Southern Baptist witness. Through Vacation Bible Schools, home Bible classes, and street services they hope to help establish a church there. Locally the church has a

ministry with the tourists at Grenada Lake and in witnessing throughout the county.

The world wide ministry of this church is proof that when our people are challenged and informed they will participate in and support a global mission effort.

Guy Henderson is a consultant in the Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department of the Convention Board.



Letters To The Editor

Appreciation

For Gulfshore

Dear Editor:

I was at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly for the Sunday School Leadership Conference; and it was such a delightful and rewarding week for me physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

The physical aspects of the facilities are so wonderful in every respect — comfortable rooms, convenient conference rooms, delicious food, and made possible by a staff of gracious and courteous people. The atmosphere was so pleasant and so inviting and so relaxing. All of this was so great, but the spiritual and uplifting conferences, testimonies from various members of churches throughout the

state, the singing, and Bible studies and preaching was so soul-stirring and life-challenging for me. The sweet, sweet spirit of all the people I met reflected what was being offered and received by the capable leaders and people present.

Truly, for me it was a period to learn more what I needed to better serve God and how to relate to people daily. I know that I can be a better witness for Jesus because I participated in the activities offered at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

I certainly appreciate the opportunity to represent my church, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, and appreciate what people have done to have such a place to learn and prepare.

Mrs. B. R. Palmer
Jackson

Appreciation

For Family Week

Dear Editor:

Recently my wife and I attended Family Week at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Dr. Hensley, the Director of the Christian Action Commission, had enlisted an excellent faculty; and he had put together a program for all ages. This program provided helpful insights, a wealth of information, and suggested skills for the development of a more wholesome family life.

One area of our Christian witness is in the area of Christian family living. Can anyone deny the critical need for attention to the development of more wholesome family life? Such development will not be by accident; it will be on purpose.

This being true, as one Mississippi Baptist, I am appealing to concerned persons to magnify Family Life Week at Gulfshore in 1979.

I resolve that I shall give stronger promotion and that I shall personally enlist someone or some family to at-

tend Family Week at Gulfshore in 1979.

Thank you for this space in *The Baptist Record*.
Eugene L. Roberts
Director of Missions
Lincoln & Copiah Baptist Assns.

Pastor Ousted

Dear Editor:

I have just heard the sad news about the (name deleted by editor) . . . where the deacons ousted the pastor, a God-called preacher, not ashamed of the Gospel and not ashamed to preach it as it is. He is a very warmhearted, friendly Christian.

The deacons' excuses were that he did not visit as much as he should, that THEY could not get along with him, and that the church was not growing as it should.

Let me ask: Is it the responsibility of one person or the pastor to do all the visiting, financial burdens, or increase membership? Can the pastor visit 200 to 300 people a week and still have time to get up his sermons, and prepare for prayer meeting?

Is it alone his duty to do this and let the other members sit back and never visit, or contact anyone about their not coming to church where their membership is and they never darken the door? Is it all right for the members to take off on Sunday or whatever day they want for their personal pleasure, and then begrudge a pastor one Saturday to fish or have a little recreation? No, it is not right for a pastor to be tied to the work seven days a week any more than a member.

I think some people go to the same church building so long they think they have the right to tell the pastor and others what they can and cannot do.

Maybe this church will split as so many have and the ones who caused it (by doing the devil's work) will have the privilege of paying the debts, and doing the work themselves. If these who want to get rid of the pastor are so

dissatisfied, why don't they leave and find another place to worship and let the ones who are satisfied have the preacher they want.

I think this is a very dirty way to treat a pastor, and I pray God will take care of those who voted for him to stay as their God-called pastor, friend, and counselor. Wherever the Lord leads him to preach, the people will be blessed.

Tom Miller
Columbia

Telegram

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Named BWA Staffer

MANILA, Philippines — Charles F. Wills, an American Baptist minister, former chaplain, and member of the headquarters staff of the American Baptist Churches USA since 1967, has been elected an associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Wills was elected to the BWA post for a 2-year term by the Alliance's General Council in session at Manila, the Philippines, July 13-17. He is expected to begin work in the headquarters offices in Washington, USA, Oct. 1.

General Secretary Robert S. Denny said that Mr. Wills will assume responsibilities in management and budget, the North American Baptist Fellowship, and the Division of Study and Research. Much of this work was previously carried by Carl W. Tiller, who resigned last January. He will be one of three associate secretaries in the Washington office.

Book Reviews

PREACHER BEHAVE! Pointers on Ministerial Ethics, Manners and Methods by J. Clark Hensley: Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, distributor.

This is a book of advice to preachers on how to live and how to act with relationship to his family, his health, his integrity, his membership, the worship and fellowship, the visitation ministry, church staff members, the community of faith, weddings, and funerals. W. W. Walley, a physician, wrote the chapter on health. The final chapter takes up several additional areas including ministerial dress, library, a will, voting, public functions, invited guests, introductions, recognitions, changing pastorates, dissension, ordination, women in leadership, false doctrine, and other matters.

IS THERE A FAMILY IN THE HOUSE? by Kenneth Chafin (Word, \$6.95, 158 pp.) A realistic and hopeful look at marriage and the family today, by the pastor of the 7,000-member South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex. For Kenneth Chafin the family is not only society's most important, but its most durable unit. His perspective in the book is primarily from that of the husband and father, but he discusses the roles of the mother and children as well.

THE TEACHINGS OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM: THE TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: THE TEACHINGS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: THE TEACHINGS OF MORMONISM by John H. Gerstner (Baker, \$1.25 each, about 25 or 30 pages each) This series of booklets contains a wealth of information of four major sects. Each discusses the sect's history, development, and basic doctrine, and supplies an analysis of founders and key personalities. The tenets of each sect are compared with traditional Christian doctrines.

A BROKEN MELODY by Ralph Michaels (Fleming H. Revell Co., Spire Edition, Pillar books, 190 pages, \$1.50) The story of a young man who found he had a talent for singing. With a few weeks of singing lessons, he got himself a job singing with a band. After long misuse of his voice and the grind of road jobs and late hours, he found himself unable to sing any more. After four years of defeat, Ralph found Jesus as his Savior. The book ends as he begins to put his life together again with Jesus at his side. (MM)

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT by Zenas J. Bicket (Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo., \$1.25) Studies in the fruits of the Spirit. The author states that "the marks of spirituality are not the gifts, but the fruit of the Spirit." Fruits (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance) are discussed as God's ideal for our lives. (MM)

THE ARCHIE GRIFFIN STORY by Archie Griffin/Dave Diles (Doubleday & Company, 198 pages, \$7.95) The story of Archie Griffin, great athlete and Heisman Trophy winner. First part of book deals with his college years and achievements. The remainder goes back to his home life, which so greatly influenced his life and molded the Christian beliefs he shares when given the opportunity. The book ends with Archie's career as a football player and how he uses his talent for the Lord. (MM)

WHO ARE THE HAPPY? by E. M. Blacklock (\$1.25, G/L Regal Books, Glendale, California) The author gives his reflections on the Beatitudes. Quoting from some of the great writers of our time, he discusses what is right or wrong with the quote. His final words on each beatitude are what he understands the Bible to mean. (MM)

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Fire Reunites Split Churches

VIRIDEN, Ill. (BP) — A church which split over a problem involving personalities has been reunited by fire.

A few years ago, the Grace Baptist Church divided into two congregations in this 4,800 population town of Viriden, Ill. The new congregation formed the Viriden Southern Baptist Church and erected a building.

Then on Dec. 10, 1977, fire destroyed the Grace Baptist Church. Pastor Raymond McAfee and his members began meeting in a Nazarene Church although they had to begin Sunday School at 7:30 a.m. Rather than re-

build the burned building, the members of Grace and Viriden Southern have now merged as Grace Southern Baptist Church and meet in the building occupied by the former Viriden Church. It will be enlarged by insurance proceeds from the fire.

"I think this is the greatest thing that's happened to Southern Baptists in Viriden," said McAfee, whom the church called as pastor. "There are times when it's just as important to consolidate and strengthen existing churches as it is to start new ones. This merger fitted into God's time slot; this was the time for it to happen."



Slowpitch Finals To Be Aug. 26

The finals for the Mississippi Baptist State Slowpitch Tourney are scheduled for Sat. night, Aug. 26. Over the next two weekends over 200 games will be played in various ball fields in Jackson.

Jehu Brabham, director of Christian activities, Parkway Church, Jackson, and director of the Mississippi Baptist State Slowpitch Tourney, says that this year's tourney is the 17th renewal of this softball classic and that it is the largest ever sponsored. "It also ranks as one of the largest tournaments in the country," he added.

Brabham is pictured looking over this year's brackets which feature nearly 100 teams from Baptist churches all over Mississippi.

When asked about the purpose he said, "Our tourney is designed to promote Christian recreation and a spirit of Christian warmth and fellowship among all Baptist churches in Mississippi."

Staff Changes



Jerry Simon has accepted a call as pastor of Macedonia Church, Brookhaven. Since 1970 he and his wife have been under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. He served as a church planter in bush evangelism in Uganda, East Africa, and was pastor of Immanuel Church in Taiwan. Before appointment, he was pastor in Columbia and Hattiesburg.

Simon graduated from Northeast University and New Orleans Seminary. He married the former Carol Martin of Meridian, who graduated from Clarke and Blue Mountain with work at New Orleans Seminary. They have three children: Greg, Barry, and Kim.

On July 30 the people of Macedonia welcomed the Simons with a reception and gifts.

Both Jerry and Carol Simon plan to continue to speak for any activity that will help the cause of missions. They may be reached at Route 3, Box 208, Brookhaven, MS 39601.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Ron U. Fitts, recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has accepted a position as minister of education at First Church, Covington, La. Guy C. Futral, Jr., pastor. Fitts is the son of Ulvie Fitts, assistant pastor, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Karl and Peggy Walla, recently appointed missionaries to Peru, will speak at First Church, Canton, on Wed. evening, Aug. 23 at 7:15 p.m. Karl will serve as general evangelist. Both are graduates of Mississippi State University and he received the Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. After orientation at Callaway Gardens in Georgia they will spend a year in language school before going to Peru. Louis Smith is the Canton pastor.

Bill Barnes on Aug. 6 celebrated his fifth anniversary as minister of music at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. Kermit McGregor is pastor.

William G. (Billy) Dowdy, Jr. was licensed to the gospel ministry in a service at Juniper Grove (Pearl River) on July 16. A graduate of Pearl River Junior College, he plans to enter William Carey College. He and his wife Vickie live at 114 Mabel St., Colony Six Apts., Apt. 3, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (phone 545-2539). His father, William G. Dowdy, Sr., is pastor of White Oak Church. Billy is available for preaching.

Southside To Hold First Service In New Sanctuary

Southside Church on Raymond Road in Jackson will hold first services in its new sanctuary on Sunday morning, Aug. 20. The morning worship service will begin at 11. The evening worship service will be held at 7 p.m.

The pastor, Fred D. Fowler, will bring the first message in the new sanctuary, on the topic, "To God Be The Glory." The special music, "My

Tribute," will be presented by the Ladies Ensemble of Southside, under direction of Mrs. Alice Davies, during the morning worship service.

Special music, "King All-Glorious" will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir under direction of E. C. Harpe, music director of the church, during the evening worship service.

The new sanctuary includes a seating capacity of 750, the choir with a seating capacity of 50, a suite of offices, conference room, resource center, music suite, and adult Sunday School space.

Dedication services will be held at a later date.

Glenn Shows has joined the staff of First Church, Clinton. A native of Brookhaven, he is a graduate of Clarke College, Louisiana.



College, Louisiana, and New Orleans Seminary. He has served as a summer missionary in Oregon and Washington, as a US-2er missionary in Nevada, and as a Christian Service Corps worker with the Home Mission Board in Nevada and New Mexico. At First, Clinton

(Bill Baker, pastor) he will be developing a total-church activities program with an emphasis in youth work.

James Edwards has accepted the call as pastor of New Prospect Church (Monroe). He goes from Friendship Church in Columbus (Lowndes).

David Hardin has resigned Parkway Church in Desoto Association to return to South Carolina.

Bobby Walker has accepted the pastorate of Oak Grove in Clarke County.

Malcolm Wages is the new pastor of Zion Rest in Wayne County.

Hinds-Madison Overhand Softball All-Stars Win Series

By Oren Renick

The All-Star team from the Overhand Softball League of Hinds-Madison Association recently defeated the All-Stars from the New Orleans Baptist Association by scores of 13-3 and 13-4.

This was the third annual best two out of three game series between the leagues and marked the second time Hinds-Madison Association has been the winner.

Both games were close contests until the late innings when the Hinds-Madison team exploded with heavy run production.

Coker Palmer of Parkway was named the Most Valuable Player of the series based primarily on his strong, complete game pitching performance in the first game. He allowed only five hits during the game and no earned runs after the first inning.

Mike Pindel of Woodville Heights notched a complete game victory in the second game. This performance came after playing a sparkling defensive game at shortstop in support of Palmer in game one.

Terry Laughlin of Ridgecrest was named Most Valuable Offensive Player for the series after he crashed a key home run in each game. Lester Bourne of Alta Woods and Greg Price of New Haven also hit home runs for the victors.

All-Stars from the two leagues will resume the series next summer in New Orleans.

Clarke-Wayne To Sponsor College Classes At Church

Clarke-Wayne Association has made plans to sponsor college classes at Quitman for ministers, church staff, and other interested citizens. An organizational meeting, with representatives from William Carey College, has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, at First Church, Quitman.

The association has developed this program to provide an opportunity for its members to study advanced courses in religion, church education and related subjects.

Interested persons from the Clarke-Wayne area are invited to attend the organizational meeting.



Hinds-Madison Association's OSL All-Stars have won back the Series Plaque from the New Orleans Baptist Association. Left to right: Terry Laughlin (Ridgecrest), selected Most Valuable Offensive Player; Jehu Brabham (Parkway), accepted the series plaque for the association; Oren Renick (Woodville Heights), presenting the plaque for the All-Stars; and Coker Palmer (Parkway), selected as Most Valuable Player.

Revival Dates

Union (Rankin): Aug. 20-25; T. J. Delaughter, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; services Sunday at 11 a.m., dinner at church with afternoon service, no night service; week day services at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; S. W. Valentine, pastor, leading the singing; Ralph and Betty Jackson, visiting musicians.

Bethany (Jasper): Aug. 20-25; homecoming on Aug. 20 with dinner on the ground and services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m.; D. D. Satterwhite, pastor at Bay Springs, evangelist; Hugh Griffon of Magee, pastor; Mrs. Evalyn Raynes, music director.

Bethel Church, Monticello: August 27-September 1; Gerald Buckley, pastor Parkway Church, Natchez, evangelist; Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m., Church Training 6 p.m., worship 6:45 p.m.; week days: 7:30 p.m.; Sherrad Rayborn, Monticello, music director; Kenneth A. Marler, pastor.

New Prospect Church (Monroe): Aug. 20-25; Keith Fordham, Forest Park, Ga., evangelist; J. B. Betts, Southaven, music evangelist; James Edwards, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Church, Orange Grove, Pascagoula: August 20-25; at 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.; Ralph Young, pastor of First, Escatawpa, evangelist; H. L. Davis, pastor.

Paul Church, Scobey (Tallahatchie): Aug. 21-27; Mike Blackwood, First Church, Gilliam, Mo., evangelist; Diane Blackwood, First, Gilliam, Mo., singer; Nell Bloodworth, pianist; Joe Young, pastor; services nightly at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday morning at 11 a.m.; homecoming Sunday morning.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 20-27; Reese Kyzar, First, Rolling Fork, evangelist; Darrell Harrison, leading the singing; Bambi Flowers, pianist; homecoming and old-fashioned dinner on the ground Sunday, Aug. 27; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Art Slatten, pastor.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read.

New Hope Dedicates New Building

New Hope Church, Jones County, dedicated a new multi-purpose building on Sunday, Aug. 6.

Mrs. Lewis Robertson, clerk, reported, "We are proud of the strong leadership of our young pastor, Earl Clark, and his wife Charlotte. We are his first pastorate. He has dedicated his life to following the Lord and we are finding it easy to follow his leadership."

Former pastors helped with this building, too, Mrs. Robertson said. She continued, "Lewis Stewart helped to save money to begin the building. Ben Williams taught us patience. Phil Sumrall helped to start our church moving upward in many areas."

Mrs. Robertson added, "We want to pay tribute to the memory of G. E. Wells, deceased. He came to us as interim pastor. (He retired early because of illness of his wife.) He had taught school, attended Mississippi College and BBI, and pastored churches in Brookhaven, Bassfield; Terry Creek in Pike County; in Louisiana; Baxterville; Glade in Jones County, and was interim pastor at Pine Grove and New Hope in Jones County.

"When he came to New Hope as interim pastor he found us with \$12,000 building money, but afraid to start to build. He inspired us, gave us courage to practice faith in the Lord. He worked, and we followed him. We finished the sanctuary and he got to preach in it. He stayed with us six years. Our only sadness is that he did not live to see the multi-purpose building."

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Just For The Record



"The Proclaimers" of First Church, Terry, presented "The Clown," a musical drama, on July 30 in Terry. The group of young people have recently returned from a tour that took them to Tennessee and Alabama. They sang at Colonial Hills Church, Southaven, Miss.; Central Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville, Tenn.; and visited Oryland, Mike Hennington, minister of music, and Carol Hennington, Tim and Brenda Ward, and Joe and Pat Richardson were chaperones for the trip.



The New Covenant Youth Choir of First Church, Lexington, left July 30 for a nine-day trip to Florida, including a five-day retreat at Periwinkle by the Sea at Panama City, Fla. The group sang at Eastside Church in Haines City and at First Church, High Springs, Fla. July 30. The Men's Quartet sang at the 11 o'clock service at Eastside. Paul Harper is minister of music and youth.

Eighteen young people at Star Church and six adults boarded a Delta 727 in Jackson Aug. 5 at 7:15 a.m. for a flight to Atlanta and Six Flags over Georgia.

"The trip was the highlight of the youth activities for the summer," states the pastor, Jimmy Harrington.

The trip was under direction of interim minister of youth, Sarah Pierce. It was financed jointly by the youth, paying part and working in fellowship for the rest.

The 11-year-old girls' Sunday School Class of First Church, Pontotoc traveled to Eureka Springs, Ark. for a three-day retreat, Aug. 3-5. While on the trip the group saw the Passion Play. Charlie Johnson is summer youth worker at First Church and Gordon Sansing is pastor.

First, Pontotoc, honored its pastor, Gordon Sansing, on his second anniversary with the church, Aug. 6, with a surprise after-church ice cream fellowship.



August 6 was "DAVID GRIMSLEY APPRECIATION DAY" at Highland, Vicksburg, honoring David Grimsley, minister of music and youth. During the morning service, Dan Hall, left, director of Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was in charge of the program and brought a message in song. He presented Grimsley with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Church Music Department. Many of Highland's members gave testimonies of love and appreciation, representing every phase of the church program, and a love offering from the church was presented to Grimsley, center, in the amount of \$510. The pastor, G. Ray Mind, right, closed the service with remarks of commendation for Grimsley. A covered dish lunch was served.

53 From Pontotoc Give 400 Hours To Four Missions In New Orleans

First Baptist, Pontotoc, Gordon Sansing, pastor, sent a delegation of 53 missionaries to mission points in New Orleans, July 30-Aug. 2.

Forty-five youths and eight adult sponsors went to New Orleans to assist in recreation, and maintenance of grounds of several missions.

Under the leadership of Charlie Johnson, summer youth worker for First Church, the mission adventure mushroomed from a one-mission point concentration to include four missions.

The group was divided into four teams. One team of 22 was assigned to Carver Center, where extensive exterior painting, and interior painting of the kindergarten library was done. Mission Director Herbert Martin stated that several years ago the exterior painting was contracted for at about \$4,000.

Another team of ten assisted the Rachel Sims director, Richard Wilson, in grounds work, as did a team of six

assigned to Sellers Home. Fifteen young men and leaders worked under direction of Edwin Lilly of the Baptist Rescue Mission, in clean-up of the entire fifth floor.

The group provided an estimated 350-400 man hours from 53 workers. Before returning home they toured

points of interest in New Orleans.

During the Sunday evening worship service at Pontotoc some of the young people shared their experiences. They encouraged others to participate in similar activities. One said, "Even though our bodies grew weary, our spirits grew strong from this experience."



Museum Has Free Service For Churches

The Mississippi Museum of Art, corner Pascagoula and Lamar in Jackson, offers free special interest programs to social, civic, educational, and church groups. These 45- to 60-minute programs include presentations on each of the current exhibitions.

In celebration of its inaugural year, the Museum is now providing a unique service to such groups to enable them to hold a luncheon or meeting in conjunction with a special interest program. The museum will pay two hours' community room rental fee for groups scheduling fall meetings during museum operating hours. Church groups may use the community rooms free this fall (ordinarily these would run for \$10 to \$20 for two hours) and at the same time learn more about the museum and its programs.

For more information, call Ava Lynn Welborn, Visitor Services Specialist, at 354-3538, or write to P. O. Box 1330, Jackson, MS 39205.

Faith In Time Of Peril

By Jackie C. Hamilton, Pastor, Highland, Meridian
Acts 27:21-26, 39-44

Paul showed exemplary courage and faith during a storm and shipwreck. He had learned to trust God in every experience; he walked close to Christ so that he could confidently grasp his hand and gain victory over fears. He had obeyed the Spirit's voice on many occasions prior to this experience so that he could be encouraged by the Spirit in the midst of the storm.

The apostle had learned to claim Christ's promise: "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). This is the kind of experience Christians today can find also, even in threatening, worrisome situations.

When Paul's trial was over Agrippa and Festus agreed that Paul had done nothing that merited either death or imprisonment. "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar," Agrippa said (26:32). Thus Paul was put in the custody of a Roman centurion and along with other prisoners was put on a ship bound for Rome. Luke, the writer of Acts, was also in the party. The date of the journey was A.D. 60.

The voyage was made in three ships: a coaster from Caesarea to Myra on the southwest coast of Asia Minor; a cargo vessel carrying grain on the regular run from Alexandria to Rome, from Myra to Malta; and another from Malta to Puteoli, in the Bay of Naples.

Setting out from Myra, the party ran into serious trouble in the form of adverse winds on the hundred and thirty mile trip to Cnidus, which boasted an excellent harbor. Finally, they came to Fair Havens on the southern coast of Crete. At that point, Paul warned against continuing the voyage because of possible bad weather.

Luke indicated that the time of the year was dangerous for sailing. This period of time started in early October and ended by mid-November, but the centurion decided to listen to the captain and the shipowner and so they set out for a better harbor further along the coast of Crete where they could spend the winter.

The apostle was given a special divine revelation that the storm would not take him and the others to the bottom. He believed that message and

gave it to the others. The Christian gains his messages of comfort and hope from the Bible, message of Christ's abiding presence and peace in the midst of the storms of life.

The gentle wind fooled the seamen. While they were coasting westward, a typhoon wind swept down from Crete's great mountain range (more than seven thousand feet high) and drove them out to sea. The name of the wind was Euraquilo, the northeaster. Not until they gained the protection of the little island of Claudia were they able to haul aboard the skiff they had been towing and reinforce the hull of the ship by tying cables around it. Past the shelter of Claudia, they began to fear being driven on to the sandbanks off

North Africa. To prevent that, the captain ordered all sails to be lowered. Thus more than ever at the mercy of the storm, on the next day the crew began to throw some of the cargo overboard. Still desperate to lighten the ship's load, on the third day they discarded the rigging and other furnishings of the ship.

As the storm continued and hope was lost, Paul reminded the hungry men that his previous counsel had been justified. But he spoke in no vindictive spirit; he wanted only to prepare them to receive his heaven-sent encouragement. Soldiers and sailors may have thought it a strange speech for a prisoner, but their courage must have been strengthened to hear a man speak so confidently of the watchcare

of his God. Deprived for so long of sun and stars, neither Paul nor his company knew where they were; but the Lord knew, and He would bring them through to safety.

On the fourteenth night after leaving Fair Havens the sailors realized that they were approaching land, and their soundings proved it. But for fear that they might be wrecked on a rocky shore in the darkness, they anchored the ship from the stern to keep it pointed toward the land. When the sailors tried to use the skiff to make a selfish try for the land, Paul practically ordered that the little boat be cut away. Paul was trusting in the Lord, but he felt that the Lord would need the sailors to handle the ship safely. Then on the last morning aboard Paul en-

couraged both passengers and crew and urged them to eat before making the desperate drive upon the beach.

In the early morning light no one recognized the land they were facing, "but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to bring the ship ashore." As they moved toward the land, the passengers suddenly pitched forward as the bow went aground on a shoal built up by two sea currents. When they realized that the ship could not be moved and the surf would beat it to pieces, the soldiers suggested killing the prisoners rather than running the risk of losing them in the sea. But again the centurion showed his interest in Paul and ordered that all make for the land as best they could.

Our faith operates the same way Paul's did; it is a matter of believing what God says in scripture and believing the application the Holy Spirit makes of specific Bible teachings in the context of one's needs and fears.

Being faithful to Christ, to his calling and to his mission, sometimes puts his people in places of danger. Sometimes they need physical courage because of threats to their lives. Sometimes they need emotional courage, the strength of mind to endure anguish, adversity, and pain. Sometimes they need social courage to speak out when it is easier and safer to keep quiet. In all situations they need spiritual courage, or faith, which gives them staying power to meet the physical, emotional, and social pressures of the day.

Life and Work Lesson

The Meaning Of Christian Fellowship

By Bill Duncan, Pastor
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Philippians 1:1-11

This week we begin a six-topic unit on the study of the book of Philippians. The entire study will reflect the apostle's love for the church at Philippi as well as the needs of the congregation. The theme for the unit is "Life in the Fellowship." Really, this is a personal letter which expresses some of the strongest ideas concerning Christ and discipleship found in the Bible. You will enjoy this study.

An ex-drug user commented upon the Christian fellowship he had discovered by saying, "You Christians don't realize what you've got. The kind of friends and fellowship I had before are no match for this!"

The fellowship of Christians is an integral part of the mission of the church. As the church carries out the instructions of Christ, it shows a fellowship that is unique. The Christian fellowship will attract persons to Christ and witness of the Christian experience.

The word that we translate "fellowship" is an important New Testament word that is used in a variety of ways.

It can express participation, sharing, communion, or the close spiritual relationship between believers, or the believer and Christ. The basic idea is the sense of an unique community of belief and faith.

In speaking of the church as a fellowship, Elton Trueblood said, "we must have more than institutions; we must have genuine communities." A community shares a common life. The people of the church have a common experience of new life in Jesus Christ; they then can share that common life.

There are several aspects of the unique fellowship of Christians that help us to understand the quality of life. The attitude of love that the believer has toward God and toward other Christians forms the basis for fellowship. Love is the distinguishing mark of Christians. Love defines the relationship that Christians have to one another. Fellowship involves sharing. We share faith, but we also share things. We participate in the life and ministry of others by our Christian fellowship that shares with others in their mission. Fellowship is the source of the mission of the church. The church does not have a fellowship as much as

it is a fellowship.

In Philippians 1:5, Paul uses the words "your fellowship" which gives the keynote of this section of scripture. The outline of this study is from Guy H. King.

A Fellowship Begotten in Love

At the Lord's Supper we often sing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Love should be the golden thread uniting all believers.

Paul expressed the fellowship by saying, "I have you in my heart" and "How greatly I long after you all." In these words, he expressed strong feelings of loving concern for the Philippians.

Lightfoot explained this passage by saying, "The believer has no yearning apart from the Lord... his pulse beats with the pulse of Christ." Paul said he loved the church as Christ loved it. He longed to see the Christians.

Love is still the most compelling force in the universe. The all-too-rare quality of brotherly concern and loving-kindness must flourish amongst fellow-believers. There is no fellowship without love.

A Fellowship Expressed in Service
The friendship of Paul and his

friends was expressed in service to one another and the common cause. That common cause was the gospel which was known as a "Saving Message, a Serving Ministry, and a Suffering Membership." In the early church every convert had become a missionary. It seemed in the book of Philippians that the enthusiasm had not stopped.

A Fellowship Irradiated by Hope

The assured hope of the community is "being confident of this very thing" based on what He is to do and what we are to do. This confidence is based on what the apostle believes concerning the fulfillment of God's purpose in the heart and life of the believer. The start is the guarantee of the finish — He... will perform it. It may be slow and very difficult but in spite of it all we may be quite confident that He never drops anything half-done. What a glorious hope the church has resting entirely on Him. The Christian's hope is waiting on the return of the Lord.

A Fellowship Knit by Prayer

"As we tread the gospel road together, we take hold of their arm in affection; and we take hold of God for them in supplication."

